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1. In the immediate future, the East German Reichsbahn will discontinue shuttling empty freight and passenger cars through West Berlin. All traffic is to be routed via the Southern and Northern Rings. The purpose is to demonstrate to the West that the Western and Eastern Sectors of Berlin can be cut off from each other at a moment's notice.
2. The outer railroad rings around Berlin have been ready for operation for two to three months. They have not previously been used for empties because of delays involved.

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